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POLAND: The major reshuffle of the Defense Ministry leadership announced yesterday apparently was under consideration for some months, but may have been given impetus by the events of last December.

Three of the four deputies to Defense Minister Jaruzelski were affected. Hard-line General Grzegorz Korczynski was ousted from the ministry, where he had held the post of deputy minister in charge of the complex of rear area defense that includes the elite internal security forces. The brutal role of these forces in the suppression of the December riots along the Baltic coast was strongly resented by the workers. It also reportedly resulted in friction with regular army units that in some instances were reluctant to intervene or refused to fire on the strikers.

Deputy minister General Jozef Urbanowicz, who formerly served in the Soviet armed forces, was moved from his post as chief of the army's political directorate to a newly created position of deputy minister for general affairs. Urbanowicz's new responsibilities are unknown.

Korczynski's responsibilities were assumed by General Tuczapski, a deputy minister formerly in charge of training, who was also identified last year as the deputy commander in chief of the Warsaw Pact forces. It is therefore almost certain that by assuming command of the internal defense forces, which are not committed to the Warsaw Pact, he will leave his Pact post.

Neither the newly appointed head of the army's political directorate, General Czapla, nor Tuczapski's successor as chief inspector of training, General Molczyk, has yet been elevated to deputy defense minister, although these posts traditionally carry such rank. This suggests that further changes may be in the offing, involving both domestic political considerations and possible additional Soviet desiderata.

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YEMEN (SANA) - US: The Yemeni Presidential Council has decided to defer for the time being its approach to the US seeking a resumption of diplomatic relations.

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This decision was made partly because the political situation in Yemen is currently in a state of flux following the resignation of the prime minister and as a result of the elections now under way. Any approach to the US probably will be delayed until after the elections are over and the new government is installed sometime after 1 April.

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